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**THIS
ISSUE!**

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FROM THE EXPLOSIVE ANIMATED TV SERIES!

GARGOYLES

**Elisa's
Worst
Nightmare**

**SHIELD
FOR
SHAME!**



FIFTY THE VALOROUS
GOLATH, LEADER OF THE
HARRIDERS KNOWN AS...

GARGOYLES

MINUTES AGO, HE AND HIS CLAN AIDED DETECTIVE ELM ANDER IN FOLLOING THE EVIL SCHEMES OF A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE TRAMP.

THEIR VICTORY CAME
AT A HEAVY PRICE.
UNKNOWN TO THEM,
THEIR MURDERER,
DEMONIA, WAS IN
POSSESSION OF A
HUGE ARTIFACT... A
CHARISMA EGOT THE
TRAD'S DEFEAT
MEANT THE BSG
REMAINED
UNBATTLED

FROM THEIR ONCE MIGHTY
RACE, ONLY A HANDFUL
OF GARGOYLES SURVIVE.
AND GOLMITH BLAMES
HIMSELF THAT ANOTHER
WILL NOT BORN ENLIGHTEN!

HA HA HA HA HA

THE EIGHTH DAY OF THE MONTH THAT ANOTHER HAS NOT BORN TONIGHT!

I CAN STILL
HEAR DEMONIA'S MOCKING
LAUGHTER! NEVER HAS A
TRILLIUM BEEN SO QUICKLY
REPLACED BY BLIND!

DEADONA KNOWS
WHAT ANOTHER GARGOLE
IN THIS WORLD WOULD MEAN
TO US... AND OUR FRIEND
LEONARD!

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN
EVERYBODY IS HUNGRY FOR
SOMETHING...

HUNTER

OUT OF THE PAST

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GOLIATH STARES INTO THE VOID, TORTURED BY HIS THOUGHTS. HE IS OBVIOUS TO THE ELEMENTS, BUT NOT THE KIND WORDS OF A FRIEND...

GOLIATH? WHY DON'T YOU COME IN FROM THE RAIN? THE GUYS ARE A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT YOU... A-AND ME, TOO.

LEAVE ME, ELISA. I'M IN NO MOOD TO TALK. I'VE NEVER WISHED FOR THE DAWN TO COME SO QUICKLY AS I DO NOW.

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO HARSH ON YOURSELF. YOU COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THAT DEMONA WAS ATTEMPTING TO HATCH A GARGOYLE EGG!

*THESE TRIAD TRIBULATIONS WERE REVEALED LAST ISSUE -- HILDT

IN THE MIST OF THAT STORM WE COULDN'T SEE THE EGGS WE WERE UNAWARE THAT WE WERE INTERRUPTING THEIR RITUAL CEREMONY FOR HATCHING IT.

THE ONLY THING WORSE IS IF IT HAD HATCHED AND WAS REARED UNDER DEMONA'S WICKED INFLUENCE!

AND, IF THERE'S ONE GARGOYLE EGG OUT THERE, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THERE ARE MORE AROUND THE WORLD!

PERHAPS...

I'VE LEARNED IN MY YEARS ON THE FORCE THAT THERE ARE JUST SOME THINGS THAT HAPPEN THAT YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO CONTROL OVER AND CAN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR.

THANK YOU, ELISA.

YOU'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE. I CAN'T DWELL ON MATTERS I HAVE NO INFLUENCE OVER.

BUT I AM VERY FORTUNATE TO BE SURROUNDED BY THOSE WHO TRULY CARE FOR ME.

NO MATTER WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, I'LL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU, GOLIATH!

SO SAY WE ALL, LAD!

ELISA SURE IS A GREAT FRIEND, BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER WHAT IT WOULD'VE BEEN LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER... OR SISTER!

MEANWHILE, SOME DEVELERS EXIT A NEARBY ALL-NIGHT ROCK CLUB...



HEY, WAIT UP A BRO, TRUXIE!

OH, HARRY! LIP, SLOW DOWN! I COULDN'T WAIT TO GET OUT OF THERE! THE PLACE IS FULL OF TRENDY CREEP—ACQUAINTANCE!

I WANTED TO GO TO THAT URBAN DINNER AND GET SOME KEEBLES AND LOOK—

...AND SOME PERCHES AND... HEY, JAKE, WHERE ARE YOU?



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

JUS' TRYING TO MAKE THE M'NASH SHOWER!

WH, HOW'D I GET THERE UNTIED SHOWER?



WHAT ARE YOU JABBERING AB— OH, NO—



WHAT, THAT AM'NT SHOWER, AND THAT AIN'T MY LEG—



EVEN TWO SO JERK, CYNICAL, AND DESENSITIZED BY VIOLENT MEDIA ARE SHOCKED WHEN FACED WITH THE HORRIBLE REALITY BEFORE THEM!

THE MURDER WILL HAVE A
LARGE IMPACT ON ELISA,
BUT FOR NOW, SHE IS...

HOME,
FINALLY!

OH, SWEETIE
ARE YOU
HUNGRY?

HERE YA
GO, ONNEY!

MAN, AM I
BLISSFUL! I
DON'T GET TO
SLEEP ALL DAY
LIKE YOU...
OR SOME
OTHER GUYS
I KNOW

THE EXHAUSTED DETECTIVE
DREAMS A FAMILIAR DREAM...

BUT FOR ELISA IT'S A NIGHTMARE
MADE ALL THE MORE HORRIBLE BY
THE FACT THAT IT'S TRUE!

PPPS... ELISA IS STILL WALKING THE
BEAT, FOLLOWING IN HER FATHER'S
PETER MARRA'S SIZABLE
FOOTSTEPS IN THE NEW YORK CITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CAN'T
WAIT TO LIE
DOWN.

EMPTY
MY POCKETS
FIRST AND--- CUNT
WHAZZAT?

OH, MY
BADGE!

COULD
USE A
POLISHING.

TOMORROW
DREAM

RIGHT
NOW, I JUST
WANNA...

...SLEEP

HER BOMBERY, INGENUITY AND
OUTSTANDING ARRESTS HAVE
PUT HER IN LINE TO JOIN THE
PRESTIGIOUS DETECTIVE
SQUAD. SHE'S SO CLOSE TO
GETTING HER DETECTIVE
BADGE, SHE CAN TASTE IT...

... EVEN IN HER
DREAM.



WHERE'S THAT GUY WITH THE COFFEE? I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER HIS NAME... I GO THROUGH WITH MYSTERY THAN DIRTY HARRY.

IT'S ALMOST 3 A.M. THAT'S WHEN OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD DETAIL KILLER GRABBY STRIKES.

AND I'VE GOT A PARTNER WHO CAN'T GET ON A SHIFTS OUT WITHOUT THE REGULARS BOWTIES.

THE ONLY CALL WE HAVE IS SOME BOMB, BROWN HAIR FOUND IN A VICTIM'S HAND. NOT READY TO GO ON, OUT...

OFFICER MURPHY THERE'S SOMEONE SCREAMING BLOODY MURDER IN THE ALLEY AROUND THE CORNER.

THIS IS IT! STOP HERE AND WHEN MY PARTNERS RETURNS, TELL HIM WHAT YOU TOLD ME!

IT SOUNDED SO OBVIOUS!

HOLEY DO-NUTS

POLICE

PERHAPS MURDER! OH, NO! THE POWER! LET'S TAKE IT AWAY.

IT'S NOT HOW IT LOOKS! I DON'T DO IT!

I'M NOT THE JUDGE, BUCKY. NOW, PUT THE BLADE DOWN SLOWLY OR...

SH-SHE'S AT GUNPOINT... WE HAD AN ARGUMENT, SHE STORMED OFF INTO THE ALLEY... I'M EDWARD GORDON!

I SAW A SHADOWY FIGURE RUN OUT... A-AND JOE LEMMY THERE.

I PULLED THIS THING OUT OF MY, BUT SHE... SHE WAS... DEAD.

INFAMOUS "ALLEY KILLER" DEAN JONES WAS CONFINED TODAY ON ALL BLUNDER GUILTY DESPITE CONTINUED PROTESTATIONS OF INNOCENCE...

NEW YORK BOAST ALLEY KILLER CAUGHT

DAILY TATTLER I'M INNOCENT

SHE WRESTLED PUT BLUSH IN THE HEADLINES AND THE MURDER SAY TO IT PERSONALLY THAT SHE RECEIVED HER DETECTIVE'S BRACE

IT WAS THE BEST END OF HER LIFE AS HER PARTNER, AND THE CITY WATCHES.

BUT THE NEW DETECTIVE HAD TO WONDER...

I'M PROUD OF YOU, HONEY.

... WAS THERE A "SHAGGY DUDE" DID SHE PUT AWAY THE RIGHT MAN?

WHA--? SUREAB!

BOORRING
BOORRING

OH, JUST
AN AMBULANCE
GOING BY...

THAT
DREAM! WHY WOULD
I HAVE IT AGAIN...
NOW?

THE
FUN NEVER
STOPS AROUND
HERE.

HELLO?

IT'S MATT.
SORRY I WOKE YOU,
BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D
BETTER HEAR ABOUT
THIS.
THERE'S BEEN A
FEW GLASHER MURDERS
ON YOUR OLD BEAT LATELY.
BUT IT WASN'T TILL TONIGHT
THAT THE FORCE PUT 'EM
TOGETHER.

YEAH,
AND...?

THEY'VE GOT
THE EXACT SAME IN D.
AS THE ALLEY KILLER
CASE.

WHAT?
NO! I-I'LL BE
RIGHT DOWN
BYE.

PURRR
PURRR

I DON'T
BELIEVE IT.
THIS HAS ALWAYS
BEEN NAGGING
AT ME...

... WAS
JONES JUST AT
THE WRONG PLACE
AT THE WRONG
TIME?

NO, I
ARRESTED
THE RIGHT
MAN...

CITY OF NEW YORK
POLICE
DETECTIVE
2363

... THIS
BADGE
COULDN'T HAVE
BEEN EARNED ON A
BAD ARREST...
IT JUST
COULDN'T!

NIGHT FALL...

HEY, IS ELISA SHOWIN' UP WITH FOOD OR WHAT? I'M FEELING A NIGHT PICKLE!

BROADWAY, THAT'S SO UR-LIKE YOU!

BRAY ON THE SARGASM, BROOKLYN...

... AS FOR ELISA, SHE'S A BUSY OFFICER OF THE LAW, WITH MANY RESPONSIBILITIES.

WE CAN'T TAKE HER FOR GRANTED AS A TAKE-OUT DELIVERY PERSON.

OKAY, I'M IN A FOOD-GATHERING MODE. ANYONE ELSE UP FOR A FLIP?

TOTALLY!

ME, TOO!

I HAVE OTHER MATTERS TO ATTEND TO TONIGHT.

NOW 'BOUT YOU, HUDSON? WE FOUND A PLACE THAT SERVES HAGGUS!

YEAH! AND YOU SAW YOU'D HELP US PERFECT OUR TRIPLE AERIAL LOOPS!

OGHI IF IT WERE ONLY ANY OTHER NIGHT, LADS...

SUIT YOURSELF... I NEVER QUITE ACQUIRED A TASTE FOR HAGGAS, ANYWAY.

HEY, AFTER WE NOGH, LET'S CHECK OUT THAT CONSTRUCTION SITE I TOLD YOU ABOUT.

WE COULD DO SOME POLE POSITION FLYING AROUND THE GRADERS!

TONIGHT IS B.A.J.

URRP!

AT THE STATION...

NOT IT
CAN'T BE! THE
MURDER PATTERN
IS IDENTICAL!
SLASHER, SAME
NEIGHBORHOOD
SAME TIME OF
NIGHT, SAME
VICTIM
TYPE...

WHAT
ABOUT
ADAM JONES?
IS HE—

WITNESSES



STILL
LOOKED UP? YEAH,
I CHECKED. HE'S STILL
YELLING HE'S INNOCENT
AND WHEN THE PRESS
HEARD ABOUT THIS
HOO-MEE!

WAIT,
WHAT IF I
NAILED THE
WROGAL GUT?
IS AN INNOCENT
MAN ROTTING
AWAY—

DON'T
BUY IT, ELISA.
THIS IS THE WORK
OF SOME SORT OF
"COPYCAT"
KILLER.

CHANCE
HAS ME ON
SPECIAL ASSIG-
NMENT FOR THE NEXT
FEW NIGHTS AND I
KNOW YOU'LL WANT
TO STAKE OUT THAT
NEIGHBORHOOD!
ELISA, PLEASE
DON'T DO THIS BY
YOURSELF.

GOLMTH
COULD HELP ME AS
AN "EYE IN THE SKY"
AND... WAIT A
SECOND.

MAYBE I
SHOULDN'T INVOLVE
THE GARGOYLES.
AFTER ALL, IT'S
MY MESS.

I CAUGHT
THE ORIGINAL ALLEY
KILLER I MUST'VE
AND I CAN CATCH
THIS ONE...

... BY MYSELF
AND IT ALL STARTS
AFTER A QUICK TRIP TO
DR. HALE O'CONNOR
AT THE CITY
MORGUE...

I WOULDN'T
WANT THEM TO
KNOW IF MY WORST
FEARS "TURN OUT TO
BE TRUE.

AFTER A REVIEW OF THE
GASLY VICTIMS...

SEEMS
LIKE WE ONLY MEET
WHEN SOMEONE'S BEEN
EVISCERATED.

WHAT
DO YOU EXPECT
IN YOUR LINE
OF WORK,
BUT?

YOU MUST'VE SEEN
HUNDREDS OF DEAD BODIES,
KILLED IN ALL SORTS OF
GRUESOME WAYS...

...BUT
THESE BODIES SEEMED
TO AFFECT YOU
PARTICULARLY.

THEY ALL DIED IN
A SIMILAR WAY TO A
CASE I HAD IN '92. RIGHT
DOWN TO THE SAME SLASH
STROKE THE ORIGINAL
KILLER HAD.

SOMETHING
A COYCAT COULDN'T
KNOW...

MAN,
SHE SEEMS
DOWN. I WISH
I COULD CHEER
HER UP

WHAT DO I
SAY? WHAT
DO I DO?

I KNOW WHAT
I'D LIKE TO TELL HER...
WHAT I LONG
TO SAY.

SHE ALWAYS
SEEMS TO HAVE THE
WEIGHT OF THE WORLD
ON HER SHOULDERS.
HOW CAN I---

HAILEY?

THE
NIGHT CALLS.
I'VE GOTTA
GO!

OHAY,
DON'T BE A
STRANGER!

THERE
SHE GOES. INTO
THE DARKNESS -
PUTTING HER LIFE
IN DANGER
AGAIN.

WHAT CAN
THAT DO TO SOME-
ONE NIGHT AFTER
NIGHT? I HOPE SHE
KNOWS... I'M
THERE FOR
HER.

THANKS
FOR THE BODIE
POP!

HAILE O LOHNOO
CAN'T KNOW THE
HEAVENESS IN
ELISA'S HEART

UNTIL SHE LEARNS
THE TRUTH ABOUT
THE MURDERS AND
HERSELF, HER WORLD
IS A DARK ONE

IN A LESS SOMBER WORLD, THREE
MOLDO STALWART'S ENJOY SOME
HIGH-FLYING ACROBATICS AROUND
THE SKELETON OF A NASCENT
SHOSUJAYO

THAT WAS A
BLAST! LET'S DO
IT AGAIN!

HEY
WHAT'S
THIS
THING?

A BIG
SHEET OF METAL
MAYBE?

VERY FUNNY!
BUT WHEN I
STEPPED ON IT, IT
WAS OF BLACK
LIKE IT'S EMPTY
UNDERMATH

RIGHT
LIKE YOU'RE
GODDAM LEANING
JONES AND THIS IS
THE TUNNEL OF
DOOM

MAYBE
THERE'S
SOME HIDDEN
TREASURE
DOWN
THERE!

WHAT
DO YOU HEAR
SOMETHING?

SHREEEE

SHREEEE

BATS!

LEAVE
BATS, AND A COUPLE
OF CHICKENS!

HEE HAW!
YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN
YOUR FACES!

LET'S SEE WHERE THIS
TUNNEL GOES TO AN
UNDERGROUNDED CITY!
THE SMITH'S
CODE?

WHEREVER IT GOES,
WHATEVER THE DANGER
WE'RE READY FOR IT
'CAUSE THAT'S THE
KIND OF DUBS
WE ARE!

WILL WE
GET THE CORN,
JEX?



ELSEWHERE

CHILL THE PLDZE



EASY YOU REEK OF COP

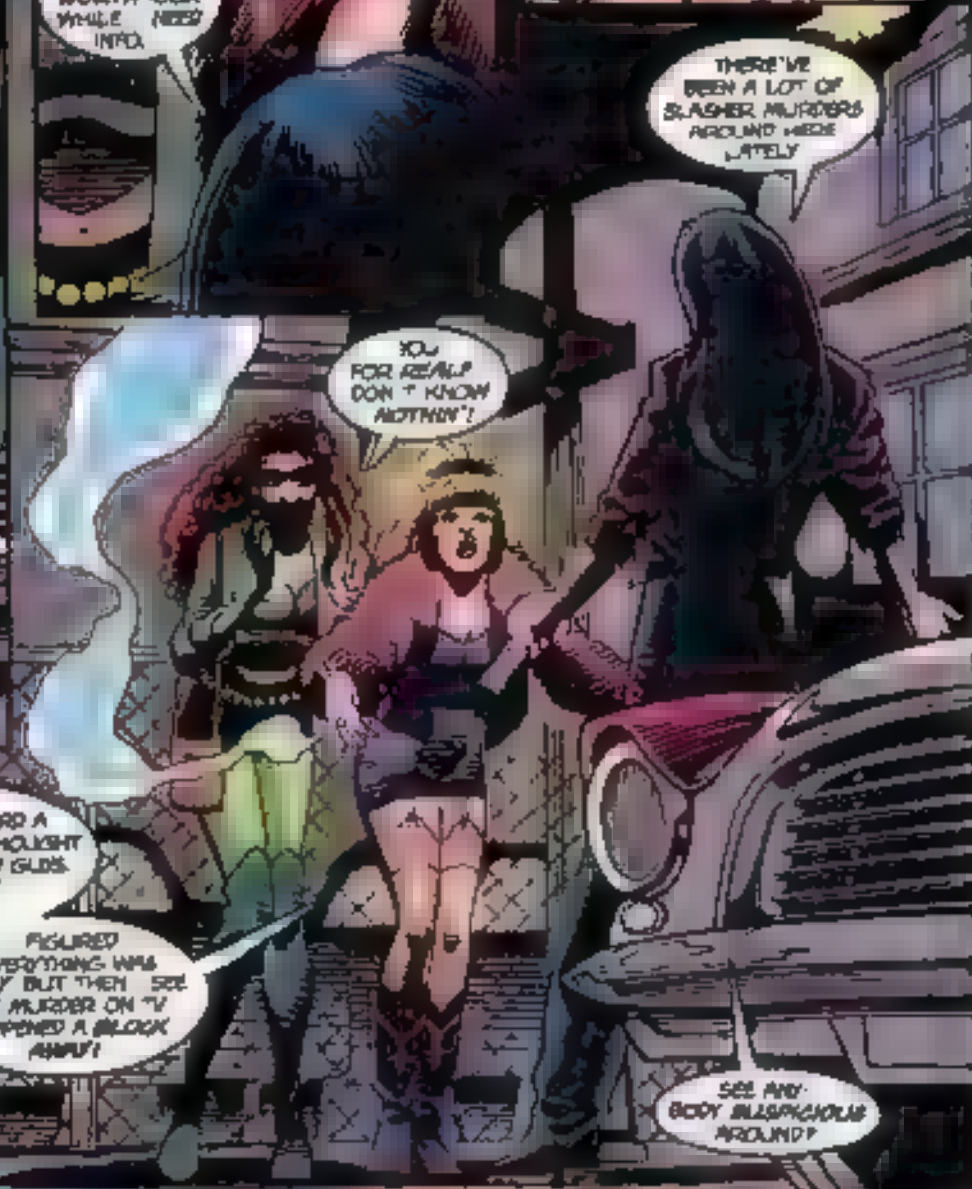
WHATCHU DOIN HERE EXCEPT SCARIN OFF OUR BUSINESS?

I'LL MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE INFO



IF IT PING OUT YOU GET THIS AND THE SATISFACTION OF AIDING THE COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT, GIRLFRIEND?



THERE'VE BEEN A LOT OF SLASHER MURDERS AROUND HERE LATELY

YOU FOR REAL? DON'T KNOW NOTHIN'

BUT I DO! LAST NIGHT I HEARD A PSH SCREAMS AN' THOUGHT MAYBE I CALL YOU GUYS BUT THEN IT STOPPED

FIGURED EVERYTHING WAS OKAY BUT THEN SEE THAT MURDER ON TV HAPPENED A BLOCK AWAY!

SEE ANY BODY BULLETPROOF AROUND?



OH, YEAH. A TOTAL CREEP THAT I SEE EVERY NOW AN' THEN. HE DOESN'T GO FOR GALS LIKE ME

LIKES 'EM MORE THAN; DARK HAIR. NINJA MOVIE TYPE

ANDYBOS, LAST NIGHT, AFTER THAT SCREAMIN DO SEE HIM LURKING AROUND YA CANT MISS 'IM HE'S KINDA BIG, LOTSA HAIR

REAL BRAGGY



YOU'VE GOTTA SEE THIS PLACE, HUDSON! IT'S A MASSIVE UNDERGROUND CHAMBER WITH A HUGE CEILING AND ALL KINDS OF LONG TUNNELS!

IT'S TOTALLY COOL!

SO I GUESS, SON

THERE'S LOTS OF SPACE TO FLY AROUND IN AND PLACES TO HAVE FUN AND... HEY! WE SHOULD TAKE BRONX WITH US NEXT TIME!

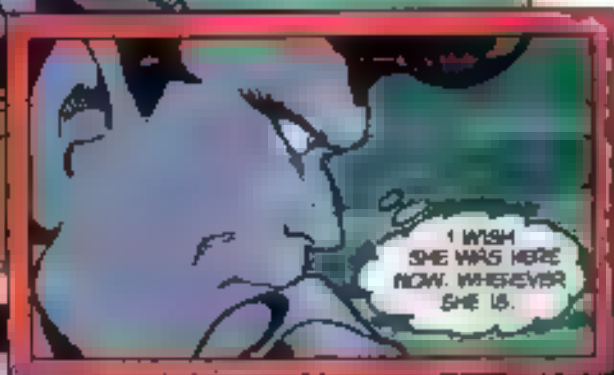
WE'VE GOT A KICK OUT OF RUNNING AND JUMPING AROUND IN THERE! LET'S TELL GOLIATH!



NOT NOW, I THINK HE WANTS TO BE ALONE.

ELISA'S TALK HELPED, BUT I THINK HE STILL NEEDS TIME.

MY SEARCH FOR DEMONA AND THE EGG PROVED FRUITLESS. I'LL SEARCH AGAIN TOMORROW, BUT ELISA'S WORDS HELPED ME PUT THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE.



I WISH SHE WAS HERE NOW. WHEREVER SHE IS.



HOPE SHE'S IN GOOD SPIRITS

IS MY WHOLE DETECTIVE CAREER BASED ON A LIE? IF AN UNHAPPY MAN PAYS THE PRICE I'LL GET THAT KILLER!

IF HE IS FOLLOWING THE ORIGINAL PATTERN, HE'LL STRIKE AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT.

THE 2 ARE THE SAME

THE 3 IN THE HOUSE
WAS A HEAD IN THE FLOOR
BUT THE HOUSE

THE 4TH THE HOUSE

AN
MOVE- IN
SIDE ARM
WASH

AN
HOUSE

NO!!

HAHAHA

WALL WITH
NIGHTMARE

JONES

YOU
FOR THE
KILLER

WALL
ONCE
ALSO

THE
FACE

HAHAHA

THEY NOW KNOW
HE WILL TO THE
YOU ME THE HOUSE
WITH ME

HEH HEH

MASK

OH, I AM
ALIVE
I DIE
EYES

WILL BE
TO ASSE
SPRING
WILL BE
GETTING TO ME

IF MY FEARS OF
FEELING THE
WILL BE A MY
WALLS AND I
WILL BE A MY
WILL BE A MY
WILL BE A MY

THEY 3, NOT ONE
I AM ONE OF 4
WILL BE A MY
WILL BE A MY

GOLIATH!"

HOW TA JOIN?, BAKARA?
WANT TO TAKE A WALK
W TH US?

K K K

TARRK! RUFF
RUFF

HOW
ABOUT YOU,
GOLIATH?

THANKS, BUT I STILL WANT
TO GET A LINE ON DEMONA

OKAY, BIG G,
BUT SHE USUALLY
FINDS US SOONER
OR LATER

ROWF

SOM AREN'T YE TAKIN' THE
EGG THING TO OBSESSION
LEVEL?

PERHAPS,
OLD FRIEND

WOULD YOU
LIKE TO JOIN ME IN
A SHORT TOUR
AROUND THE CITY?

"AYE THA I WOULD, AN
LAD THA I WOULD!"

GOLIATH?
ANYBODY?

SHOOT,
JUST MISSED
THE LAST
FLIGHT OUT
OF HERE

I REALLY
COULD'VE USED THEIR
HELP THIS TIME. MAYBE
MORE THAN EVER

GUESS IT'S
JUST ME AND
THE KILLER..

AND MY WORST
FEARS ABOUT THE
PAST AND FUTURE.

HA! BROOK'S
SNIFFER IS IN
OVERDRIVE!

SN-SN-SNIFF
SNORT!

HE'S
GOING TO
LOVE IT DOWN
THERE!

WHY IS
SO MUCH OF THIS CITY
ABANDONED? SEEMS
TO BE A LOT OF WASTED
RESOURCES AROUND
HERE!

YEAH, BUT IT'S
OUR GAIN. IF THIS PLACE
WASN'T DESERTED, WE
COULDN'T FOOL AROUND
DOWN HERE!

HEY
BROOK!
DON'T EAT
THAT!

ONCE WE
GET PAST THIS
CRAMPED PART
IT'S WORTH
THE TRIP!

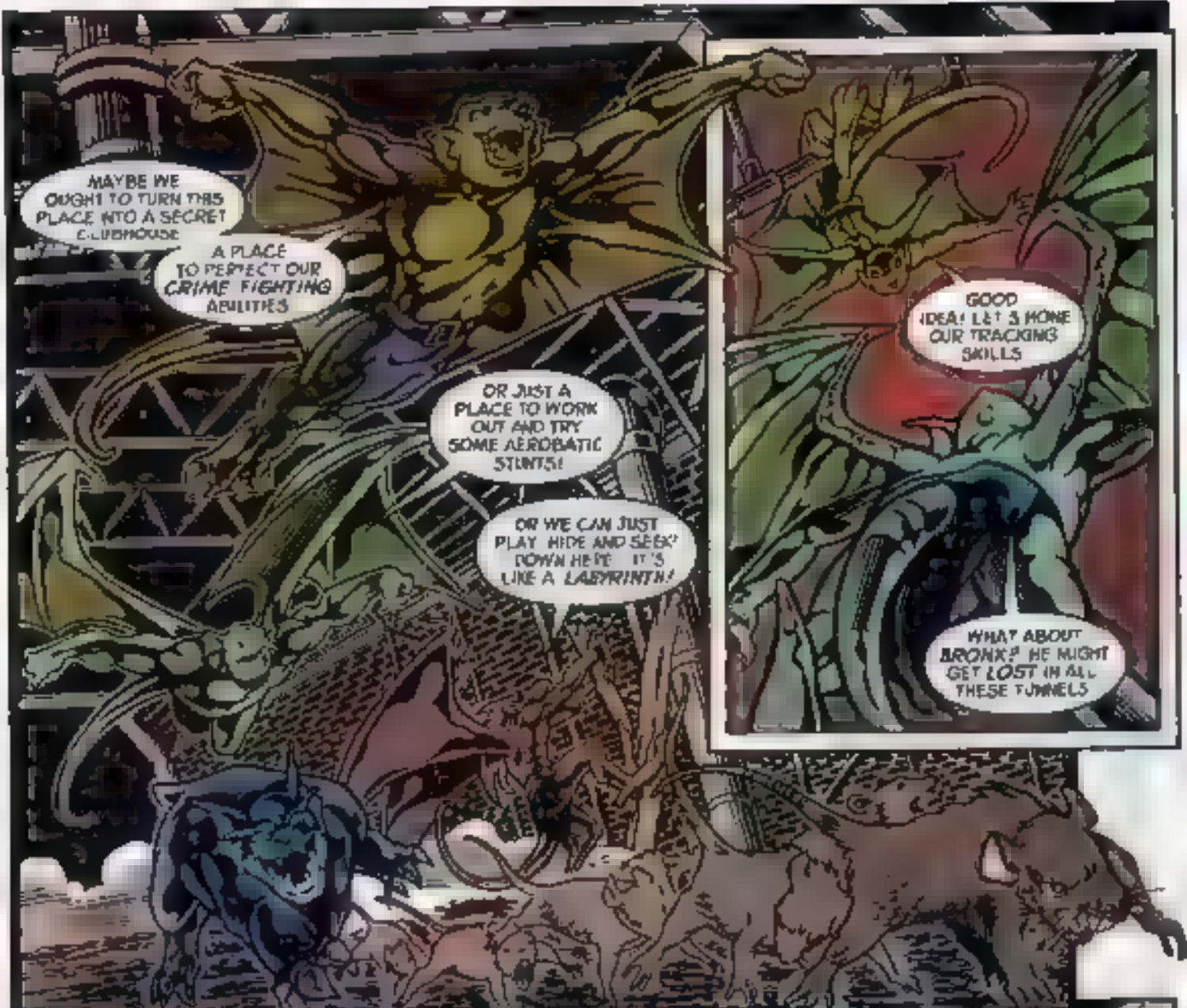
THAT SHE
BLOWS

MAN!
THIS PLACE IS
GIGANTIC!

I FORGOT
HOW CAVERNOUS
THIS PLACE WAS!

THIS IS SO
RADICAL! PLENTY
OF PLACES TO CLIMB
AND SWOOP!

HISSSSSSS




MAYBE WE
OUGHT TO TURN THIS
PLACE INTO A SECRET
CLUBHOUSE

A PLACE
TO PERFECT OUR
CRIME FIGHTING
ABILITIES


OR JUST A
PLACE TO WORK
OUT AND TRY
SOME AEROBATIC
STUNTS!

OR WE CAN JUST
PLAY HIDE AND SEEK?
DOWN HERE IT'S
LIKE A LABYRINTH!



GOOD
IDEA! LET'S HONE
OUR TRACKING
SKILLS

WHAT ABOUT
BRONX? HE MIGHT
GET LOST IN ALL
THESE TUNNELS



NO WAY!
WITH THAT NOSE OF HIS,
BRONX COULD SMELL US
OUT IN A GARBAGE
DUMP HE CAN ALWAYS
FIND US.

FETCH
THE STICK,
BRONX!

HRUFF

OKAY,
HIDE AND SEEK
IT IS.





ABOVE GROUND, A YOUNG WOMAN OF THE NIGHT IS TRULY ALONE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAGUED BY A KILLER. WAITING...

HOPE I GET SOME ACTION SOON...

I FEEL LIKE A JERK ALL TARTED UP OUT HERE WAITING TO BE ATTACKED!

LOOKS LIKE I'M WASTING MY TIME. AT LEAST I GOT SOME GOOD LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS FOR THE VICE SQUAD!



DARN! NOT USED TO HEELS AND BUSTED THIS ONE ON THE GRATE!



THIS IS WHY I DON'T WEAR HIGH HEELS. THAT AND...



ENT

AAARRGH

NO! THE
KILLER!
LIKE MY
DREAM!

AIEE EEEEE!!

NEW

ELISA'S FATE!

PLUS A
BRONX TALE!



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Any successful artist will tell you that the most important thing is to keep drawing, drawing, and drawing. Attend comic book conventions in your town and talk to your fellow artists for advice. Once you're comfortable with your ability and style, whip up some original pages and pages based on published art and send it to the editor of the comics titles you're interested in. It may not get you a job right away but it's a start. Practice and persistence will help you along the way. Good luck!

Dear Written in Stone,

My name's Paul Meyer. I'm 21, and I've been collecting your GARGOYLES comic since issue #1. I know how frustrating it can be sometimes when you can't find the issue you want. I have some good news for Andrea Ross (who was looking for issue #1). I'm referring you to Mike High Comics, 2151 West 56th Avenue, Denver, CO, 303-455-2659 or 800-676-6423. I'm sure they'd be glad to help you, I'm glad I called.

I wanted to comment on what a splendid job you are doing on this comic. It's great to read (and believe me, I love to read) and it's also a nice break from all the horrors you hear on the news. Thanks for writing...er, carving my letter in your letters column, and until Xanatos and Elisa get hitched, Make Mine Marvel!

Paul Meyer
McDonald, PA

One of the most asked questions to this letters page is where to find back issues of GARGOYLES! If you can't find them in your local comic shop, you can try out the info above, courtesy of Paul.

And as you probably know by now, Xanatos got hitched... but not to Elisa!



Dear Written in Stone,

AARRGG! Wonderful as a Gargoyle in flight... unfortunately the sun just came up! Though the stories are fabulous; fit to satisfy the sophisticated, modern teen, the dialogue is contrived! And isn't Venus, genetically speaking, more like Goliath's daughter? I love the Gargoyles concept, the visuals, the storylines the emotion. But I think you need to fine-tune the dialogue!

My favorite Gargoyle is Broadway for

his sensitive character, though the rest are all wonderful in their own special ways. You've got a gem of a project happening here. You've dared to be different, now dare to be the best!

Barbara Quale, 26
Smithers, B.C., Canada

We aim to please, Barbara, so hopefully you'll find the dialogue more to your liking in future issues! And as far as Venus, who's to say whether clones are genetically like siblings or children or...? Perhaps that will be sorted out when Venus soon returns!

Dear Written in Stone,

I love the GARGOYLES comics. I have every one. Issue #9 was cool, too bad the egg didn't hatch. It would be neat to see a Goliath Junior! Will Talon (Derek) be in the comics, will Coldstone?

John Dalsenit, 13
Merrill Island, FL

Oh, you might see a "Goliath, Junior" some day, John. In the meantime, would you other readers like to see Derek and Coldstone in these pages? Let us know.

Dear Written in Stone,

Why Hattie O'Connor? What gives? What does Elisa find so interesting in him? Personally I would go with her better-looking partner, Matt.

You're doing such a great job not only on the comics but on this column. I think it is great to let people express their ideas and comments. Did you know this was my first comic series I have collected and this is my first time I've ever written to a comic book? Keep up your super, excellent, fantastic job.

A devoted follower forever,
Marlene Chua, 14
Verona, NJ
(Hi, Mike!)

Welcome, Marlene, and thanks for your awesome drawing of Elisa! Elisa's best friends are statues by day so it's understandable she might develop new "24-hour" friendships. Thanks for writing, Marlene!

Dear W.I.S.,

I'm 17 and only started collecting comics three years ago. I loved the Venus issue, but where in the world did Xanatos get DNA samples from Elisa and Goliath?

Jennifer Tornow, 17
Gloucester, VA

Xanatos and Demona got Goliath's and Elisa's blood and tissue samples somewhere between issue #1 and #2 of GARGOYLES (look hard, you'll find it) and the explanation unfolds throughout the story arc of issues #1-#10.

Dear Gargoyle Groupies: Your letters keep flooding in with so many interesting things to say and millions of questions to ask... but it wouldn't be any fun if we gave away all the answers now! Keep reading and watching because the new adventures on TV and in these pages promise to satisfy your curiosity!

Hilly

Dear Written in Stone,

I read GARGOYLES #7 & #8 and WOW! I didn't expect Wolf's dead body to actually be a virtual hologram, and the art as usual rocked. I didn't like Lex's overreaction with Wolf's death. He's killed before, he's a warrior. His job was to guard the castle from trespassers usually resulting in death and it's not like Wolf was one of his favorite people. My favorite Gargoyle is Brooklyn, he's the coolest, but why isn't he seeing any action? Come on, give him something.

I've been reading the letter section and I'm sick of people saying that the Gargoyles should have guns and weapons. HELLO! These guys are 1000-years-old. The most high-tech weapon they had back then was a catapult. Anyway, keep up the great work and give Brooklyn a big story, PLEASE!

Alan Belerique, 16
Mississauga, ONT, Canada

Okay, Alan, we hear you and your wish is our command! We have some action-packed stories featuring your fave Gargoyle, Brooklyn, in upcoming issues!

Dear Written in Stone,

You have done such a great job on the GARGOYLES comics. I like the original characters and the new characters you have included.

I like to draw comics myself. It is my life's goal to be a cartoonist. I won an Art Scholarship to Crowley County Community College in Arkansas City, KS. Your Gargoyles comics and cartoons have inspired me to write you and to create some of my own versions of Gargoyles. I am hoping you will be willing to give me some advice on how to get my career off the ground.

Brenda Boone, 20
Winfield, KS

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